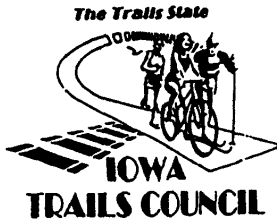


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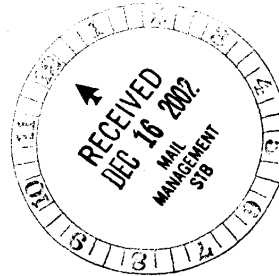
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December 9, 2002

Mr. Vernon Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street NW
Washington, D. C., 20423-0001

Dear Secretary Williams:


Re AB 33 (Sub No. 143X)

The Iowa Trails Council is asking for another extension of time in which to complete negotiations to acquire the Union Pacific railroad right-of-way Between Thornton and Belmond in Wright, Franklin and Cerro counties in Iowa, for conversion to a trail.

We are enclosing ten copies of this letter for distribution and are forwarding a copy to Mr. Mack Shumate, Senior General Attorney for the Union Pacific at the Railroad's office at 101 N. Wacker Drive in Chicago, Il., 60606. It is our understanding that the railroad will agree to another 180 day period in which to continue our negotiations.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, we remain

Sincerely,


Tom F. Neenan